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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 5th October, 2024

S.R.O. No. 547/2024— Whereas, draft of certain rules to further amend the Odisha Aided Educational Institutions' Employees Retirement Benefit Rules, 1981, was published as required by sub-section (1) of Section 27 of the Odisha Education Act, 1969 (Odisha Act 15 of 1969) in the Extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* No. 838, dated the 4th April, 2024, vide **S.R.O No.240/2024** under the notification of the Government of Odisha in the School and Mass Education Department, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby till the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date of publication of the said notification in the *Odisha Gazette*;

And, Whereas, the objection or suggestion received in the stipulated time period on the said draft has been duly considered by this Department.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 27 of the said Act, the State Government do hereby make the following rules further to amend the Odisha Aided Educational Institutions' Employees Retirement Benefit Rules, 1981, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement:—(1) These rules may be called the Odisha Aided Educational Institutions' Employees' Retirement Benefit (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

(2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Aided Educational Institutions' Employees' Retirement Benefit Rules, 1981, in rule 3A, -

(a) in clause (i), for the words "*The monthly contribution would be 10 % of the salary and Dearness Allowance to be paid by the employee and the Government would also provide a matching contribution*", the words "*The monthly contribution shall be ten percent of the Basic Pay plus Dearness Allowance (DA) as admissible to be paid by the employee and fourteen percent of the Basic Pay plus Dearness Allowance (DA) as*

admissible to be paid by the Government or Employer." shall be deemed to have been substituted with effect from 1st day of April, 2019;and

(b) after clause (iii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"(iv) Each employee of the Aided Educational Institution covered under the New Restructured Defined Contribution Pension Scheme (rechristened as National Pension System) shall, at the time of joining in service with usual scale of pay under full grant-in-aid direct payment system, exercise his option for availing the benefit of family pension upon his in-service death as per the Odisha Aided Educational Institutions' Employees' Retirement Benefit Rules, 1981.

Explanation: - For removal of doubt, it is hereby declared that the employee of Aided Educational Institutions who are already in service and are covered under National Pension System shall also exercise such option as prescribed:

Provided that the Aided Educational Institutions covered under clause (iv), who do not exercise the option for availing benefit of family pension upon his in-service death as per the Odisha Aided Educational Institutions' Employees' Retirement Benefit Rules, 1981, the claim of his family in the event of in-service death of the employee shall be regulated in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015, as adopted vide Finance Department Letter No 13477/F., Dated the 3rd May, 2016".

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By Order of the Governor

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